

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

### *Amendments*

#### *In the Claims*

Please cancel claims 5, 6 and 9 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

Please substitute the following claim 1 for the pending claim 1:

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1. (Twice Amended) A method of reducing the combustion residue of coated, wood-free, fine papers having an ISO brightness of 80% or more and an opacity of 80% or more, wherein said method comprises making said coated, wood-free, fine paper with a filler and/or coating pigment that comprises calcium oxalate.

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Please substitute the following claim 2 for the pending claim 2:

2. (Twice Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the proportion of calcium oxalate present in the entire amount of pigment and filler is between 10 and 100% by weight of the total pigment and filler.

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**[Please substitute the following claim 3 for the pending claim 3:]**

3. (Twice Amended) The method according to claim 2, wherein said calcium oxalate is in said pigment.

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**Please substitute the following claim 7 for the pending claim 7:**

7. (Twice Amended) The method according to any one of claims 1-4, wherein the amount of calcium oxalate is 0.1 to 90% by weight, calculated from the total weight of the dry matter of the coated, wood-free, fine paper.

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**[Please substitute the following claim 8 for the pending claim 8:]**

8. (Twice Amended) The method according to any one of claims 1-4, wherein said calcium oxalate is a monohydrate that has been ground and over 90% of the particles of said ground calcium oxalate that are used are smaller than  $2.3 \mu\text{m}$  and only 10% are smaller than  $0.5 \mu\text{m}$ .

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**Please substitute the following claim 12 for the pending claim 12:**

12. (Twice Amended) A method of reducing the wear of a coated, wood-free, fine paper-making wire wherein said method comprises incorporating calcium oxalate into said coated, wood-free, fine paper or into the coating color used in said coated, wood-free, fine paper wherein said calcium oxalate comprises 10 to 100% by weight of the total pigment.

Please substitute the following claim 13 for the pending claim 13: ~~13~~

13. (Twice Amended) Coated, wood-free, fine paper, wherein said fine paper:

- has an ISO brightness of over 80% and an opacity of over 80% and.
- contains calcium oxalate as a filler and/or pigment.

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Please substitute the following claim 14 for the following claim 14: ~~14~~

14. (Twice Amended) The coated, wood-free, fine paper according to claim 13,

wherein said coated, wood-free, fine paper has a maximum combustion residue of 35%,  
calculated from the total weight of the dry matter of the coated, wood-free, fine paper.

Please substitute the following claim 15 for the pending claim 15: ~~15~~

15. (Twice Amended) The coated, wood-free, fine paper of claim 13, wherein said  
coated, wood-free, fine paper further comprises fillers and/or coating pigments other than  
calcium oxalate.

Please substitute the following claim 16 for the pending claim 16: ~~16~~

16. (Twice Amended) The coated, wood-free, fine paper according to any of claims  
13 to 15, wherein the total content of said calcium oxalate is over 85% of the total weight  
of the dry matter of said coated, wood-free, fine paper.

Please add the following new claims 17-29:

-- ~~18~~ 17. (New) A method of reducing the combustion residue of wood-free, fine  
papers having an ISO brightness of 80% or more and an opacity of 80% or more, wherein

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said method comprises making said wood-free, fine paper with a filler that comprises calcium oxalate.

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18. (New) The method according to claim 17, wherein the proportion of calcium oxalate present in the entire amount of pigment and filler is between 10 and 100% by weight of the total pigment and filler.

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19. (New) The method according to claim 18, wherein said calcium oxalate is in said pigment.

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20. (New) The method according to claim 17, wherein said ISO brightness is over 90% and said opacity is over 90%.

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21. (New) The method according to any one of claims 17-20, wherein the amount of calcium oxalate is 0.1 to 90% by weight, calculated from the total weight of the dry matter of the wood-free, fine paper.

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22. (New) The method according to any one of claims 17-20, wherein said calcium oxalate is a monohydrate that has been ground and over 90% of the particles of said ground calcium oxalate that are used are smaller than 2.3  $\mu\text{m}$  and only 10% are smaller than 0.5  $\mu\text{m}$ .

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23. (New) The method according to any one of claims 17-20, wherein said calcium oxalate is calcium oxalate monohydrate.

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24. (New) The method according to any one of claims 17-20, said method further comprising using a second pigment or filler selected from the group consisting of calcium carbonate, calcium sulphate, aluminum silicate, kaolin, aluminum hydroxide, magnesium silicate, talc, titanium dioxide, silica, barium sulphate and combinations thereof.

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25. (New) A method of reducing the wear of a wood-free, fine paper-making wire wherein said method comprises incorporating calcium oxalate into said wood-free, fine paper, wherein said calcium oxalate comprises 10 to 100% by weight of the total pigment.

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26. (New) Wood-free, fine paper, wherein said wood-free, fine paper:  
- has an ISO brightness of over 80% and an opacity of over 80% and  
- contains calcium oxalate as a filler.

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27. (New) The wood-free, fine paper according to claim 26, wherein said wood-free, fine paper has a maximum combustion residue of 35%, calculated from the total weight of the dry matter of the wood-free, fine paper.

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28. (New) The wood-free, fine paper of claim 26, wherein said wood-free, fine paper further comprises fillers other than calcium oxalate.

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29. (New) The wood-free, fine paper according to any of claims 26-28, wherein the total content of said calcium oxalate is over 85% of the total weight of the dry matter of said wood-free, fine paper. --